

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

According to International Patent Classification (IPC)

G01N-33/48

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

MSN Recherche and Google

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

Derwent (Delphion), Delphion, and Pubmed

Closed-container*, closed-tube*, container*, tube*, analysis, spectrophotometer*, plasma, serum, blood, sample, flip*, Eppendorf, Vacutainer, centrifug*, fiole conique (French), sérum (French), vial, cuvette (French), up-side down, upside down

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
X A	EP0001200 (Ericson) 6 September 1978 Refer to the whole document Specifically Figures 2 and 3	16-17 1-17
A	Copeland et al. (1989). Hemoglobin by first derivative spectrophotometry: extent of hemolysis in plasma and serum collected in vacuum container devices. <i>Ann Clin Lab Sci.</i> 19(5): 383-388. Refer to the Materials and methods	1-17
A	US3951801 (Ayres) 20 April 1976 Refer to col. 3, line 42, bridging to col. 4, line 16	16-17

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[X] See patent family annex.

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